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**Dan Elswick to Receive National Award in Washington, DC**

Congratulations to Dan Elswick, Senior Historic Architecture Consultant, who will receive the Secretary of the Interior's 2012 Historic Preservation Award at a ceremony in Washington DC on March 1, 2013. The Awards recognize the outstanding contributions and special achievements of employees of Federal Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, State Historic Preservation Offices, and Certified Local Governments. One award is given per category each year.

Dan joined the South Carolina SHPO staff in 1986, after working for several years at the Texas Historical Commission. He has coordinated the federal tax credit program and has served as the architectural reviewer for federal, state, and local tax credit programs, Section 106, grant and covenants, and state owned historic properties (including the 1990s restoration of the Statehouse). He has been instrumental in the development of state tax incentives (state tax credits and local property tax special assessments) drafting regulations and creating applications. Through countless site visits, telephone calls, speaking appearances, and perhaps most memorably as "The Building Doctor" Dan has provided advice to owners of historic properties around the state. Dan has also mentored many staff members, who now practice preservation in places as far away as Texas, Washington, DC and Indiana, and closer by in Charleston.

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**South Carolina Preservation Award Nominations**

Please send in your nominations for the 2013 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. The awards are sponsored by the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the Office of the Governor, and the SC Department of Archives and History. The categories are:

- ***Honor Awards***
- ***Stewardship Awards***
- ***Preservation Service***
- ***Heritage Tourism Award***
- ***Elected Official Honor Award***
- ***Governor's Award***

The nomination form and directions are available at [http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Documents/2013Awards\\_nomination.pdf](http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Documents/2013Awards_nomination.pdf). For more information contact Michael Bedenbaugh at 803-896-6234, [oldhouse@palmettotrust.org](mailto:oldhouse@palmettotrust.org). **Nominations must be postmarked by March 15, 2013.**

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### **Welcome New SHPO Staff Member**

Sarah Stephens has joined the SHPO staff as the Review Coordinator for Transportation Projects. Ms. Stephens has her bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State with a historic preservation major and archaeology minor, and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi in anthropology. After graduation she worked for cultural resources consulting firms and completed survey projects in a number of states, including South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, New York, and Pennsylvania.

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### **Newest Listings in the National Register of Historic Places**

**Hester Store**, located in Dacusville in Pickens County, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 5, 2013. The Hester Store is significant as an example of a country store and mercantile business in the South Carolina Piedmont, one that operated from the last decade of the nineteenth century until the late twentieth century. A typical rural example of a commercial gable-front building, Hester Store was the centerpiece of the Hester family's holdings, which included a large farm, saw mill, cotton gin, and grist mill. Michael Washington Hester (1854-1920) built the store in 1893. A granite façade and portico were added in 1933. For many years the store served not only as a place of business, but also as a central meeting place within the Dacusville community until it closed in 1981. It is currently under rehabilitation for use as a small country store and tourist destination, as well as a professional office.

The **Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company**, in Rock Hill, in York County, was also listed in the National Register on February 5, 2013. This complex in downtown Rock Hill, includes six historic buildings and four historic structures. These include the Power House, Reservoir, two brick chimneys, Bleachery Water Treatment Plant (one building and one structure), Warehouse Building, Springs Distribution Center (2 buildings), and the Lowenstein Building. The complex is significant for its association with the development of the textile industry in Rock Hill, South Carolina, from 1929 to 1962. Starting with 400 employees, the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company, often locally referred to simply as "the Bleachery," employed 4,800 at its peak in 1965. Over the years, the Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company was expanded and altered as was common with twentieth-century textile mills to adapt to changes and innovations in the technology of manufacturing, processing, and finishing textile goods.

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### **2013 Best of the South Award**

The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians seeks nominations for the **Best of the South: Preserving Southern Architecture Award**. This annual award honors a project that preserves or restores an historic building, or complex of buildings, in an outstanding manner and that demonstrates excellence in research, technique, and documentation. Projects in the twelve-state region (which includes South Carolina) of SESA that were completed in 2011 or 2012 are eligible. Nominations should consist of no more than two typed pages of description, and be accompanied by hard copy illustrations and any other supporting material. A cover letter should identify the owner of the project, the use of the building(s), and the names of all the major participants of the project. Send three (3) copies to Elizabeth M. Humphreys, 6542 Kobe Court, Montgomery, AL 36117. Questions: [elizabethmhumphreys@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmhumphreys@gmail.com). Deadline: July 1, 2013. For more information about the award and SESA, visit <http://www.sesah.org>.

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### **New Publication on Preserving African American Historic Places**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has released a new publication to assist those working with African American resources. *Preserving African American Historic Places* "presents an overview of traditional preservation networks and their roles, offers tips on how to get preservation underway in your community, and looks at various legal and financial tools that help protect historic properties." The booklet provides case studies to illustrate various preservation strategies. [Click here](#) for the publication.

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### **Burial Database Project of Enslaved African Americans**

The mission of the Burial Database Project of Enslaved African Americans is to identify, document and memorialize burial sites of the enslaved, most of which are abandoned or undocumented. The database is currently seeking submissions regarding the location of slave burial grounds in any state. A submitted slave burial ground is a gravesite that includes one or more burials of persons who died enslaved or were born enslaved and died after emancipation. The projects welcomes any burial submission regardless of its status (marked, unmarked, abandoned), its size or its type (family cemetery, plantation cemetery, church cemetery, etc.) Each evaluated submission will receive follow up communication for verification and complete documentation. The Burial Database Project of Enslaved African Americans is currently housed in the Department of African and African American Studies at Fordham University in New York City <http://www.vanishinghistory.org>.

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### **Conferences / Workshops / Events**

**SC Federation of Museums Conference:** March 13-15, 2013, Greenwood. The theme for this year's event is "Pieces of the Puzzle: Emerging, Embracing, and Expanding." See <http://www.southcarolinamuseums.org/conference.html>.

**SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Meeting and Awards:** March 15, 2013, Columbia. This year's theme is "Still Standing: The First 20 Years of the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission." Additional information and registration details will be posted on the Commission's website <http://shpo.sc.gov/res/Pages/SCAAHC.aspx>.

**NEW Masters of the Building Arts Festival,** March 17-23, 2013, Charleston. The main event is on Saturday, March 23rd from 10am - 5pm and is free and open to the public. For more information <http://www.buildingartscollege.us/About/events.html>.

**NEW Advanced Section 106 Seminar,** April 2, 2013, Charlotte, NC. This Advisory Council on Historic Preservation course is designed for advanced Section 106 practitioners, including federal agency representatives, project sponsors, and other Section 106 stakeholders. Contact Cindy Bienvenue, Meeting and Event Manager, at (202) 606-8521 or [cbienvenue@achp.gov](mailto:cbienvenue@achp.gov) for more information and [click here](#) to read the seminar schedule.

**Section 106: An Introduction,** April 9-11, 2013, Atlanta, GA. Offered by the National Preservation Institute in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division, and the Georgia Department of Transportation. For more information about the course and registration go to <http://www.npi.org/>.

**South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference:** April 16, 2013, Columbia. We are currently accepting proposals for conference sessions through February 28, 2013. See <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx> for more details.

**NEW Cultural Economy: National Main Streets Conference,** April 14-16, 2013, New Orleans, LA. The 2013 National Main Streets Conference is the ideal place to learn new skills, explore new ideas, discover innovative strategies, and share best practices. Find out how other communities have solved common problems on Main Street and get the latest how-to tactics from experts in the field. To learn more go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2013neworleans/>

**National Council on Public History Conference:** April 17-20, 2013, Ottawa, Canada. The conference theme is "Knowing your Public(s)—The Significance of Audiences in Public History." For more information and to register go to <http://ncph.org/cms/conferences/2013-annual-meeting/>.

**NEW Landmark Conference,** April 18-20, 2013, Spartanburg. The annual gathering of the SC Confederation of Local Historical Societies will be hosted this year by the Spartanburg County Historical Association. It will feature tours, educational sessions, and the Confederation's annual awards dinner. Contact Becky Slayton, at (864) 278-9664 or [scha@spartanburghistory.org](mailto:scha@spartanburghistory.org).

**16th Annual US/ICOMOS International Symposium:** May 2-4, 2013, Savannah, GA. The theme is "The Historic Center and the Next City: Envisioning Urban Heritage Evolution." Sessions will provide planners, architects, educators, heritage managers and preservationists the opportunity to discuss the evolution of historic urban centers and how they may provide inspiration for the future. For more information, visit [www.usicomos.org](http://www.usicomos.org) or email [historicpreservation@scad.edu](mailto:historicpreservation@scad.edu).

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## **Grant Application Deadlines**

**February 22, 2013 2013-14 Richland County Historic Preservation and Community Conservation Grants:** These grants assist projects that 1) preserve, restore, or rehabilitate historically significant buildings or sites in Richland County; or 2) develop educational and research programs that promote historic preservation in Richland County. Grants are available up to \$50,000. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and commercial entities. For more information contact Nancy Stone-Collum at (803) 576-2083 or [stonecollumn@rcgov.us](mailto:stonecollumn@rcgov.us). More details about the grants and applying for funding are at <http://www.richlandonline.com/departments/Conservation/Commission/HistPres.asp>.

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